

ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES

DATE: July 21, 2011
LOCATION: ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS
#1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fran Flener	Joe M. Hill	Chief Ronald Burks	Norith Ellison
Jim Allen	Laura Shue	Amanda Gibson	Charlotte Denton
Richard Gallagher	John Wiles	Judge Joe Griffin	Chief Everett Cox
Sheriff Marty Moss	Jonathan Ross	Rob Covington	Katrina Cavaness
Doris Smith alt. Ann Purvis	Douglas Newsom alt. Col Marcus Hatley	Robert A. Parker Alt. Wendy Kelley	Teresa Belew
Kermit Channel	Vivian Ozura	Edna Morgan	

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Laura Bailey	Kari Powers	David Eberhard	Tammy Harrell
Dennis Emerson			

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Lockett	Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Diana Wilson	DF&A
Steve Varady	Drug Director's Office

STATE DRUG DIRECTOR FRAN FLENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the **June 16, 2011** meeting were distributed for review. After a review of the minutes, Teresa Belew recommended that the minutes be amended showing the DTFs' discussion " **Some DTFs' programs may be below their utilization rate. The Law Enforcement Committee will have those programs appear before them to explain their reason(s) for being below their spending level.** Teresa Belew made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheriff Marty Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:**
Chief Ronald Burks reported that the Law Enforcement Committee did not meet.
- **Treatment and Prevention Committee Report:**
Joe M. Hill reported that the T&P Committee did not meet.
- **Policy and Procedure Committee Report:**
Rick Gallagher reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee did not meet. However, he did report that the Administrative Rule will be effective August 1, 2011. This is the first significant change since 1997.

OLD BUSINESS:

Distribution of Monthly Financial and Utilization Reports:

➤ **Monthly Financial Status Report:**

Joe M. Hill distributed copies of the Monthly **(June 2011)** Funds Utilization Report. He reported that there were no unusual activities. Majority of the treatment and prevention programs are spending their funds as expected. The targeted funding level ending 6/30/2011 is 100%.

• **Monthly Gambling Status Report:**

Joe M. Hill distributed the Monthly Gambling Report for the month of **May 2011**. He reported the following information: Arkansas Fiscal Year (AFY09-10)

	MAY Totals	Totals from July -February 2011
Intakes	13	208
Hang-ups	85	1415
Casino	203	1956
Lottery	339	4230
Wrong#	91	1116
Other	5	59
Totals	736	8984

➤ **Monthly Substance Abuse Treatment Statistics Report:**

Joe M. Hill distributed the Monthly Substance Abuse Treatment Statistic Report for the month of March 2011. He reported the following information: **4th Quarter SFY 2011**

ADMISSIONS TOTALS	DRUG OF CHOICE
2750	Alcohol/Marijuana

A motion was made by Charlotte Denton and seconded by Laura Shue to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Law Enforcement Report:**

Doris Smith distributed the FY 2009 Drug Law Enforcement Program Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. She reported that there were no unusual activities and programs were spending their funds as expected.

1. DCF-Monthly Totals for FY08 FY09 FY10:

	FY2008	FY 2009	FY 20101	FY 2011	FY 2012
TOTAL	303,346.41	586,939.19	742,060.11	752,354.84	\$0.00
CUMMULATIVE	303,870.21	890,809.40	1,632,869.51	2,385,224.35	\$2,456,253.68

2. Drug Law Enforcement Program: AARA 2009 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary Totals

Federal Totals:

	Award	Expenditures	Balance	%Usage
TOTAL	491,007.09	441,819.36	49,187.73	90%

3. Drug Law Enforcement Program: ARRA JAG Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary:

	Award	Expenditures	Balance	%Usage
TOTAL	1,251,680.24	855,248.30	396,431.94	68.3%

4. Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund, Drug Crime Fee Assessment:

- Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund (TA0100 Federal) -\$26,265.65
- Special State Asset Forfeiture Fund (TAF0000 State) - \$219,693.27
- Drug Crime Fee Assessment Fund (SEP0000) - \$2,456,253.68

A motion was made by John Wiles and seconded by Jonathan Ross to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

5. On July 14, 2011, DTFs' Supervisors meeting was held in Little Rock. The meeting was to discuss how funding and the limitation on funding will have an impact on their program. A brief overview on the following topics: 1). JAG Grant -the importance of them utilizing their funding 2). Monthly Activity Report-the DTFs' had many concerns regarding the monthly report such as making it clearer; continue to review the federal agency's requirement that all elements requested in the Activity Report, including age of the arrestees be reported. This question was raised because of the difficulty in gathering that information.

6. DF&A is currently working on three (3) major issues:

- JAG Grants
- Monthly Activity Report
- EUDL Grant Program

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fran Flener, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council called to order the Appeal Hearing.

APPEAL HEARING:

The Step Up Support Center Little Rock, Arkansas

Ruth Nash, Director, Dr. Katherine Mitchell and Rev. James McCarther, board members of the Step Up Support Center appealed to the Coordinating Council to overturn their decision to discontinue funding for the Step Up Support Centers due to the Center's unsatisfactory response to the contingencies presented to Ms. Nash on February 2, 2011.

On February 2, 2011, the Treatment and Prevention Sub-Committee met to review the Step Up Support Center's annual Continuing Application packet. Ms. Ruth Nash, Center Director, presented a request for continuation of funding to the Center for SFY 2012 (July 1, 2011—June 30, 2012). The Sub Committee responded by placing the following contingencies on the Center for additional information:

- Current status of the Step Up Support Center's program site address, telephone number, and hours of operation.
- Verification of the number of active clients participating in treatment services, and the number of credentialed staff providing clinical services.
- Explanations regarding underutilization of grant funds—as of January, 2011, only 23% of the Center's grant funds were expended. The Center's award for SFY 2011 is \$28,973 for outpatient treatment services.

A March 17, 2011 follow-up meeting of the Treatment and Prevention Sub-Committee was cancelled due to inclement weather. At an April 21, 2011 meeting, the Sub-Committee was presented a report from Christine Reid, OADAP program Consultant, regarding the Center's response to the contingencies.

ACTION TAKEN

Upon consideration of this matter by the Sub-Committee, a motion was unanimously approved to discontinue funding for the Step Up Support Center due to the Center's unsatisfactory response to the contingencies presented to Ms. Nash on February 2, 2011.

Phil Hall, OADAP interim treatment director, reported that Ms. Nash had met all contingencies that were placed on her. He informed the Council that Ms. Nash was in compliance with the agency's Licensure Standards, retention of certified staff, and site location, but her utilization of funding was currently at 40%.

Ms. Nash responded to the various contingencies and questions raised. She shared with the Council that she was sorry for being out of compliance and would work very hard to comply with all laws and regulations regarding alcohol or drug treatment programs. She informed the Council that she had attempted on several occasions to submit reimbursement claims but Barbra Brooks of the OADAP Office had asked her

to wait until August. She concluded her presentation by pleading to the Council to overturn the decision of discontinuing the Step Up Support Center's funding.

Chairman Flener closed the Hearing.

After a lengthy discussion, and a series of follow-up questions and comments by Council members, a motion was made by Norith Ellison and seconded by Rick Gallagher to reevaluate and restore funding based on information given and allow Step Up Support Center to become a grantee effective July 1, 2011. The motion passed with three no votes (Teresa Belew, Rob Covington, and John Wiles).

- Pat Brannin, prevention services Project Analyst, gave a brief update on the Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey (APNA). She distributed the following handouts:
 - (1): Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student (APNA Survey-2010 APNA Presentation of Results.
 - (2). Risk Factor2010-For Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Abuse in Arkansas.
- The Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention's DASEP Section is undergoing a comprehensive program audit by the DHS Audit Section. All 13 DASEP Programs will be audited for financial compliance with State rules and regulations. Currently there are 3 programs that have not remitted the fees they collect from clients receiving educational classes to restore their driver license.
- Sheriff Marty Moss discussed his concerns about the use of Bath Salts by young people. Across the country, law enforcement agencies and poison control centers are growing increasingly concerned of the "Bath Salts". People are using these easily accessible substances to get an inexpensive high. Doctors believe the drugs can lead to a variety of negative consequences such as chest pain, increased blood pressure, agitation, hallucinations, extreme paranoia and delusions.

Senate Bill 423, classifies the six chemicals being sold as bath salts and plant food along with two other substances-K2, which is synthetic marijuana, and salvia-as Schedule I or Schedule VI drugs, making them controlled substances in Arkansas.

You can read more about the Bath Salts and K2 at the following web sites:

- Bath Salts Effects - http://www.drugfree.org/join-together/drugs/%e2%80%9cbath-salts%e2%80%9d-have-dangerous-and-long-lasting-effects-doctors-say?utm_source=Join+Together+Daily&utm_campaign=983fbc089d-JT+Daily+News%3A+%22Bath+Salts%22+Have+Dangerous+and...&utm_medium=email
- Attorney General's Bath Salts Consumer Alert / Warning - http://www.ag.arkansas.gov/newsroom/index.php?do:newsDetail=1&news_id=389

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ann Purvis, the Administrator, resigned after she accepted employment with the Department of Health.
- Doris Smith, Assistant Administrator, has accepted the position as Administrator as of August 1, 2011.
- ***National Take Back Initiative: October 29, 211***
DEA has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 29, 2011, to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.
- Fran Flener announced that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting for August 18, 2011 will be at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the AR State Police Headquarters, #1 State Police Plaza, Old Commission Room, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks to adjourn and seconded by Charlotte Denton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Luckett